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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated May 2, 2003, a Notice of Allowance, it is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) be entered and made of record. It is believed that the following amendments and remarks place the application in form for allowance, or at least, place the claims in a better form for Appeal. No new matter is presented, as such the amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Introductory Comments

Claims 1-42 are pending in the present application.

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